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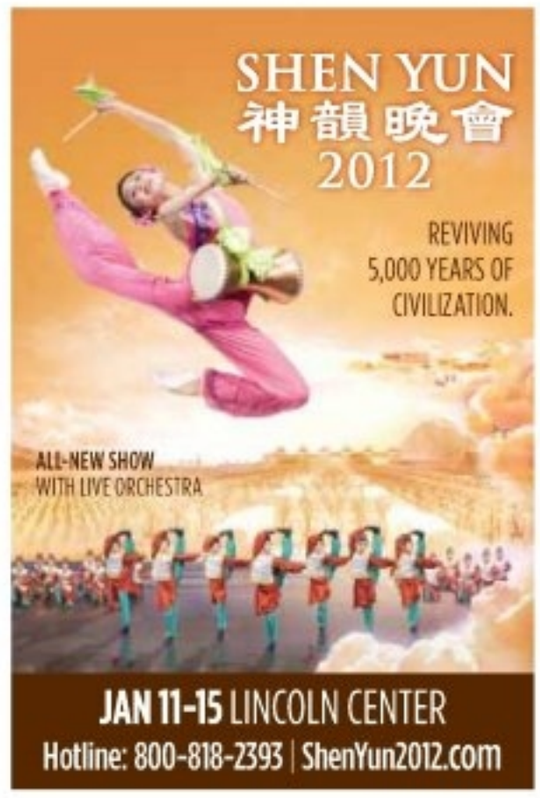




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▶ Suzanne Hart was killed on her way into her advertising agency job yesterday when her foot became caught in an elevator door.

# Elevator accident is city fear come true

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# City shaken by elevator death

**Elevator doors closed too soon ◗ DOB said elevator was inspected and cleared in June ◗ Expert says mechanical error could be to blame**

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▶ Out of the 60,000 elevators in NYC, fewer than 60 were involved in an accident last year, according to the Department of Buildings. Above, people walk outside 285 Madison Ave. yesterday.

A horrific elevator accident that claimed the life of a woman on her way into work yesterday stunned the city.

Suzanne Hart, a 41-year-old advertising executive at Young & Rubicam, was stepping onto the elevator at her office at 285 Madison when the doors closed on her foot. The elevator then rapidly ascended, pulling her body with it to the next floor and crushing her to death.

"People are very shaken," said an employee who works in the building.

Two other people who were on the elevator and witnessed the grisly accident were taken to a nearby hospital for psychological treatment. Inspectors are investigating the cause of the accident.

Records indicate the building's elevators had 14 open Department of Buildings violations, but Ryan Fitzgibbon of the DOB said they are administrative in nature and not related to safety hazards.

"The last time this device received a hazardous violation was in 2003. It was corrected," she said. "This device was last inspected in June 2011. No safety issues were found."

## When to worry

**If you notice any of these problems, it's time to tell your building personnel, says Villano, who has been in the elevator business since 1962.**

- You hear scraping, hitting or squeaking noises. The elevator may need an adjustment or some lubrication.
- The elevator moves up or down slightly after it has stopped and the doors are open.
- The door reopens without someone in the doorway or takes a long time to close. The sensing edge may need to be cleaned or adjusted.
- It passes your floor even though you pushed the right button.
- It shakes as it's moving from floor to floor. It could need lubrication.

Joseph Villano, director of testing for CBA Elevator consultants, said yesterday's accident could be the result of a mechanical failure. "There are locks on elevator doors that are called electromechanical locks," Villano explained. "They latch the door shut and complete a circuit which allows the motor to lift the elevator. It sounds like it moved without that circuitry being in tact."

About 27 people are killed in elevator accidents in the U.S. each year.

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## Going down?

**These are some of the most recent elevator horror stories in the city:**

- **On Sept. 23, 2011,** maintenance worker Robert Melito fell to his death in an elevator shaft at a building on West 38th Street.
- **On Aug. 14, 2011,** construction workers Edward Tyler and Wendell Amaker nearly drowned after becoming trapped in an elevator at the former Staten Island Hotel as it flooded with wastewater.
- **On May 18, 2011,** 14 people were injured when a freight elevator inside a Chelsea warehouse plunged four floors.
- **On Dec. 25, 2010,** A woman was caught in the closing doors of an elevator inside Downstate Hospital as it traveled seven floors. The Kings County district attorney's office announced yesterday it will indict an elevator repairman for disabling a safety switch that may have caused the accident.
- **On Aug. 18, 2009,** 5-year-old Jacob Neuman of Brooklyn was killed after falling into a shaft.

## Who was Suzanne Hart?

**NEW YORK.** Hart, a 1993 graduate of Knox College in Illinois, had been a director of new business at Young & Rubicam since 2007, according to her LinkedIn profile. A co-worker told the Daily News that the California native was "one of the nicest people around." Hart had recently moved from Greenwich Village to Boerum Hill, Brooklyn, with her boyfriend, according to The New York Times. Young & Rubicam released a statement calling the accident a "great emotional shock." "We are deeply, deeply saddened to confirm that one of our employees has died. Our focus at this moment is the well-being of our employee's family." METRO/CG

**In the news**

## Pol wants better lift records

**The Department of Buildings offers elevator inspection records online, but details are not readily available. After yesterday's accident, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer called for a more detailed set of grades to be available.**

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# Judge slammed after releasing accused killer

**Judge let accused NYPD cop killer back out onto the streets Twice turned down requests for $2,500 bail**

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▶ Judge Evelyn Laporte, above, rejected a second request by the Brooklyn DA seeking bail for Lamont Pride, according to Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg is joining a chorus of voices blaming Criminal Court Judge Evelyn Laporte for releasing accused NYPD cop killer Lamont Pride back out onto the streets last month.

Pride was arrested by the NYPD in November during a drug raid on a Brooklyn apartment. As Metro reported earlier this week, he was wanted on an outstanding warrant for a shooting in North Carolina.

**"It's not a lot of work to do to protect the public. It wasn't done here, plain and simple."**
**BLOOMBERG**

Yet Laporte released him on his own recognizance, Bloomberg said, even turning down a $2,500 bail request from the Brooklyn district attorney.

"The reason he was not behind bars the last time is that a judge here in New York not only didn't put him behind bars, she didn't even think it was appropriate for bail," said Bloomberg at a press conference yesterday, reportedly becoming visibly upset. "And ... he had a long criminal record."

North Carolina officials declined an extradition request for Pride, according to police spokesman Paul Browne. The warrant was originally written so Pride could only be extradited if he was arrested within North Carolina state limits, he said.

Laporte knew about the warrant, according to The New York Times. According to court records obtained by the Times, Laporte was concerned about the well-being of two children living in the apartment during the raid and Pride was released.

It wasn't until Nov. 8, according to Browne, that North Carolina law enforcement officials decided they did indeed want Pride. By then, it was too late: Pride had been let go, and later skipped a Nov. 15 court hearing.

"You're talking about somebody who ... is potentially a dangerous person, has a gun, has a criminal history, common sense says don't let him out," said Bloomberg.

**Investigation**

**Queens Councilman Peter Vallone is calling for a full investigation into how the New York court system handled Pride's case.**

"We need an immediate investigation to learn what the judge knew that allowed the release of a dangerous criminal back onto the streets," Vallone told the Daily News.

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# 'Brothels on wheels' drivers to be penalized

**Some livery car drivers ferry prostitutes, advocates say Women forced to work by the pimp and driver**

Some livery car drivers moonlight as pimps' assistants, driving prostitutes to meet with johns after a day of shuttling regular fares, City Council members were told yesterday.

Through these "brothels on wheels," pimps offer "free delivery" of women, advocates from Sanctuary for Families said.

The women are driven to appointments by drivers who are sometimes pimps and other times pimps' helpers, advocates say. The drivers often make women's schedules and receive payments.

**"It is an open secret that 'delivery' has become a preferred method for promoting prostitution in New York City."** LORI COHEN

Pimps used to operate from brothels, Sanctuary for Families attorney Lori Cohen explained. But now they advertise "free delivery" to bring prostitutes to customers — and evade police by not having a stationary location.

A Council bill proposes fining drivers up to $10,000 or taking their licenses away if they are caught driving a prostitute.

Cohen estimated that the number of drivers ferrying prostitutes might be in the thousands — one woman forced to work in the sex trade was given a list of 100 drivers to contact, she said.

The woman, an alleged sex trafficking victim, told the Council that her driver, assigned by her pimp, controlled her schedule, taking her to as many as 20 clients a night — even ordering her how to please the customers.

EMILY ANNE EPSTEIN/METRO

▶ The Council hearing focused on unlicensed drivers who ferry prostitutes, but a Council spokesperson said they could not rule out that licensed drivers do it, too.

**Too broad?**

**Advocates say the bill targets drivers entrenched in trafficking rings, and suggests education for all drivers, including Taxi and Limousine Commission training.**

▶ But some Council members expressed concern that the law might end up penalizing drivers who pick up prostitutes in a street hail.

▶ Councilman Daniel Dromm acknowledged the need to fight sex trafficking, but said promoting prostitution is already illegal. With the proposed legislation, he said he was concerned that drivers simply picking up a fare might be punished.

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# City probes online sales of firearms

A city sting revealed that several online gun retailers were more than willing to illegally sell the weapons, Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced yesterday.

The city paid private investigators $290,000 to visit 10 gun vendor websites and test whether retailers would violate federal law by selling to consumers that may not be able to pass background checks. It is a felony crime to sell guns to those you suspect of not being able to pass such tests.

Most of the investigators even went so far as to clearly specify they would not be able to clear a check.

One vendor, upon hearing this bad-for-business news, allegedly responded with laughter. "Don't say that, man. I don't want to hear that," he said.

Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said officials should dismantle the ability to purchase guns online.

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### Same type of gun

**According to Bloomberg, the purchased guns sold for as much as $650 and included a 9mm handgun, the kind that killed police officer, Peter Figoski.**

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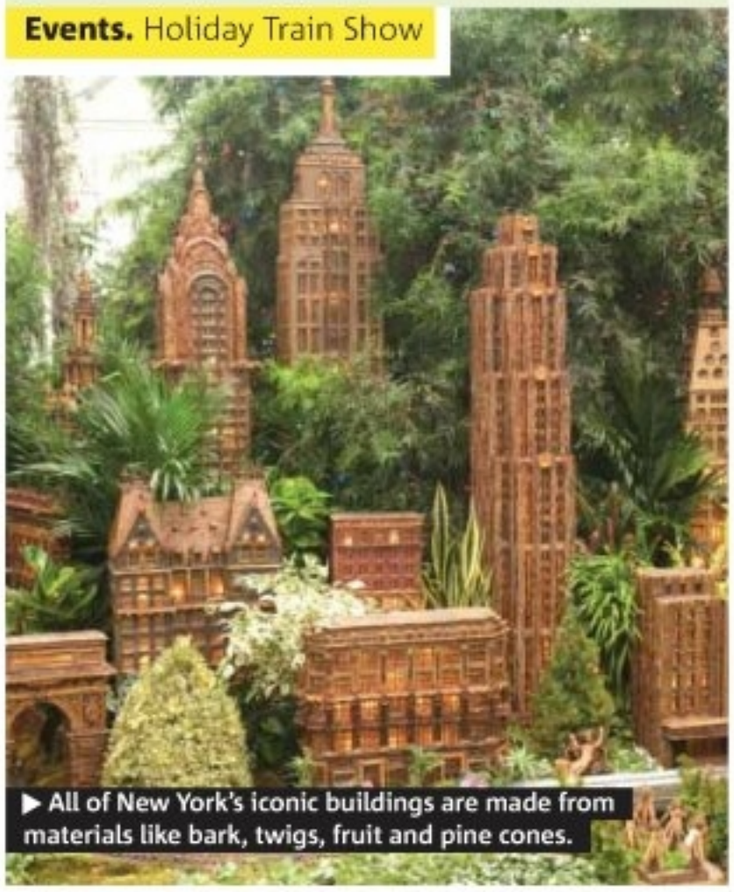
**Events.** Holiday Train Show



▶ All of New York's iconic buildings are made from materials like bark, twigs, fruit and pine cones.

## Twigged out skyline

**The Holiday Train Show is back at the New York Botanical Garden, which displays 140 landmarks created from plants. Among the "plantmarks" are Radio City and the Empire State Building.** METRO/AB

# Suspicious white powder threat on Wall Street

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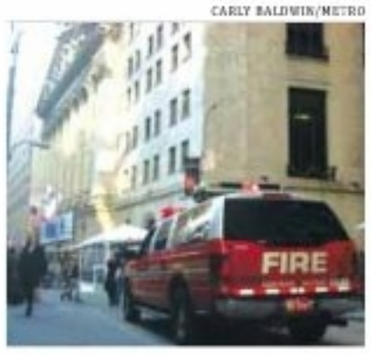


**LOWER MANHATTAN.** Firefighters responded to a call yesterday about suspicious white powder mailed to 14 Wall St., an office building across the street from the New York Stock Exchange. The call came in to the fire department at 12:57 p.m., an FDNY spokesman told Metro, reporting a suspicious white powder mailed to the 10th floor of the building. The building at 14 Wall St. houses office space and an Equinox gym. FDNY later reported that there was no threat. METRO/CB

## Jets fan attacked after game

**NEW JERSEY.** A Jets fan was brutally beaten after a game Sunday at MetLife stadium. James Mohr, 23, was attacked by a group of angry Kansas City Chiefs fans, one who lived in New Jersey, outside the stadium after the game, which Kansas City lost. One woman even yelled "You all deserve what happened on 9/11!" according to the New York Post. Mohr suffered a broken jaw, cheekbone and eye socket, along with brain bleeding. METRO/AB

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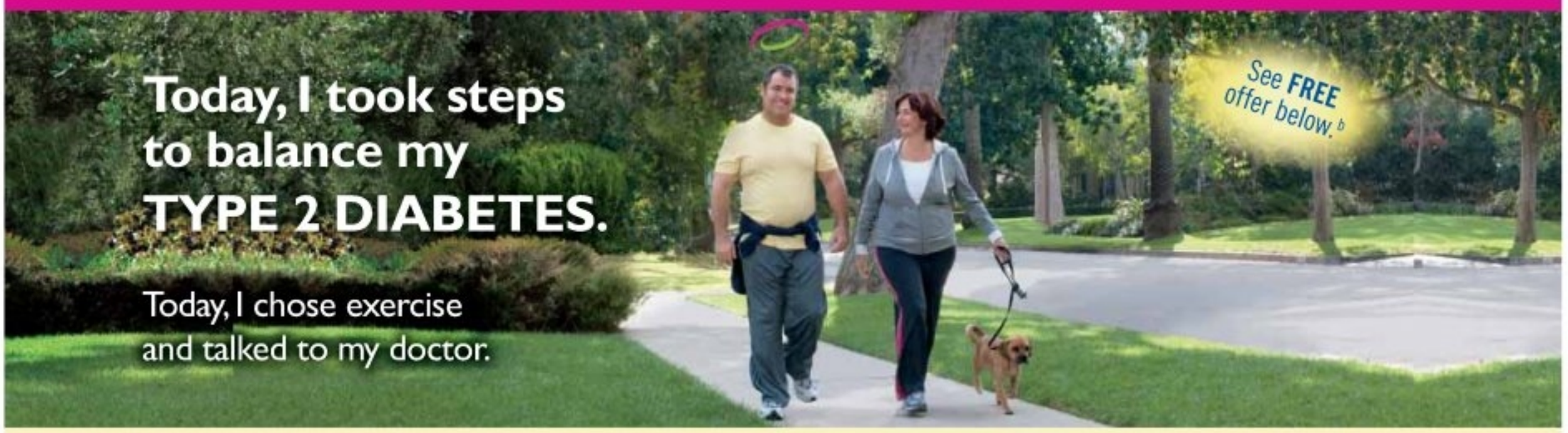


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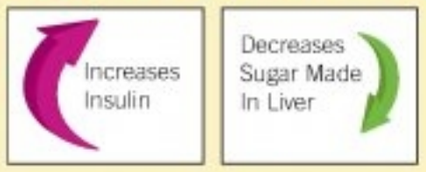


- **JANUVIA is a once-daily prescription pill that helps your body increase the insulin made in your pancreas and decrease the sugar made in your liver.**
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**Selected Risk Information About JANUVIA:** Serious side effects can happen in people who take JANUVIA, including pancreatitis, which may be severe and lead to death. Before you start taking JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you've ever had pancreatitis. Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

Do not take JANUVIA if you are allergic to any of its ingredients, including sitagliptin. Symptoms of serious allergic reactions to JANUVIA, including rash, hives, and swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty breathing or swallowing, can occur. If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away.

Kidney problems, sometimes requiring dialysis, have been reported.

If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include headache, drowsiness, weakness, dizziness, confusion, irritability, hunger, fast heart beat, sweating, and feeling jittery.

Your doctor may do blood tests before and during treatment with JANUVIA to see how well your kidneys are working. Based on these results, your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA. The most common side effects of JANUVIA are upper respiratory tract infection, stuffy or runny nose and sore throat, and headache.

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**Please see the Medication Guide on the next page and discuss it with your doctor.**

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**Medication Guide**

**JANUVIA® (jah-NEW-vee-ah) (sitagliptin) Tablets**

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**What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?**

**Serious side effects can happen in people taking JANUVIA,** including inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis) which may be severe and lead to death.

Certain medical problems make you more likely to get pancreatitis.

**Before you start taking JANUVIA:**

Tell your doctor if you have ever had

- pancreatitis
- stones in your gallbladder (gallstones)
- a history of alcoholism
- high blood triglyceride levels
- kidney problems

Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

**What is JANUVIA?**

- JANUVIA is a prescription medicine used along with diet and exercise to lower blood sugar in adults with type 2 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with type 1 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with diabetic ketoacidosis (increased ketones in your blood or urine).
- If you have had pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas) in the past, it is not known if you have a higher chance of getting pancreatitis while you take JANUVIA.
- It is not known if JANUVIA is safe and effective when used in children under 18 years of age.

**Who should not take JANUVIA?**

**Do not take JANUVIA if:**

- you are allergic to any of the ingredients in JANUVIA. See the end of this Medication Guide for a complete list of ingredients in JANUVIA.

  Symptoms of a serious allergic reaction to JANUVIA may include:
  - rash
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  - swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty in breathing or swallowing

**What should I tell my doctor before taking JANUVIA?**

**Before you take JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you:**

- have or have had inflammation of your pancreas (pancreatitis).
- have kidney problems.
- have any other medical conditions.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if JANUVIA will harm your unborn baby. If you are pregnant, talk with your doctor about the best way to control your blood sugar while you are pregnant.

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**Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take,** including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of your medicines and show it to your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

**How should I take JANUVIA?**

- Take JANUVIA 1 time each day exactly as your doctor tells you.
- You can take JANUVIA with or without food.
- Your doctor may do blood tests from time to time to see how well your kidneys are working. Your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA based on the results of your blood tests.
- Your doctor may tell you to take JANUVIA along with other diabetes medicines. Low blood sugar can happen more often when JANUVIA is taken with certain other diabetes medicines. See **"What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?"**.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If you do not remember until it is time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do not take two doses of JANUVIA at the same time.
- If you take too much JANUVIA, call your doctor or local Poison Control Center right away.
- When your body is under some types of stress, such as fever, trauma (such as a car accident), infection or surgery, the amount of diabetes medicine that you need may change. Tell your doctor right away if you have any of these conditions and follow your doctor's instructions.
- Check your blood sugar as your doctor tells you to.
- Stay on your prescribed diet and exercise program while taking JANUVIA.
- Talk to your doctor about how to prevent, recognize and manage low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), high blood sugar (hyperglycemia), and problems you have because of your diabetes.
- Your doctor will check your diabetes with regular blood tests, including your blood sugar levels and your hemoglobin A1C.

**What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?**

**Serious side effects have happened in people taking JANUVIA.**

- See **"What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?"**.
- **Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia).** If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar, such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include:
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  - confusion
  - irritability
  - hunger
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# Obama: We leave Iraq proud

**President encourages troops as they return home from site of a foreign war begun in 2003 Fulfills one key campaign promise But critics say he is making a mistake by sticking to withdrawal timetable drawn up by Bush**

President Barack Obama welcomed home some of the last U.S. troops from Iraq yesterday, marking a symbolic end to the nearly nine-year war that strained America's armed forces and damaged its standing worldwide.

Addressing soldiers at Fort Bragg, N.C., Obama stopped short of declaring victory in Iraq but called the winding down of the conflict "an extraordinary achievement."

"It is harder to end a war than to begin one," he told about 3,000 soldiers as they punctuated his speech with cheers and hollers.

Despite lingering questions about whether the United States should have invaded the country, the last American troops "will cross the border out of Iraq with their heads held high," Obama said.

As of this week, there were about 5,500 U.S. troops left in Iraq, down from more than 170,000 at the height of the war that Obama's predecessor started in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Leaving Iraq fulfills a pledge that helped Obama win the presidency in 2008 and allows the White House to focus more on Afghanistan as well as economic worries at home, where the high jobless rate will be a major concern for voters next year.

But critics have accused Obama of ignoring warnings from U.S. and Iraqi military commanders about the dangers of a full departure by the end of this year, the timetable that Bush's advisers had laid out and to which the current president has stuck. REUTERS

**Quoted**

**"Of course, Iraq is not a perfect place. But we are leaving behind a sovereign, stable and self-reliant Iraq, with a representative government that was elected by its people."**
PRESIDENT OBAMA

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▶ U.S. President Barack Obama speaks at a tribute to the troops at Fort Bragg, N.C.

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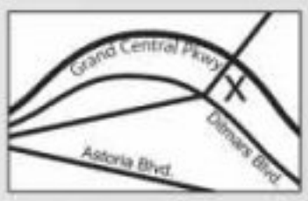


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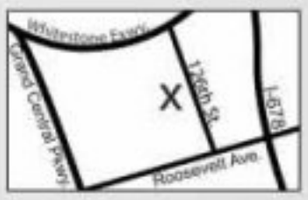


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# Immigration battle to test fed powers

The Supreme Court's promised ruling next year on Arizona's immigration crackdown could turn on how much a state can intrude on federal enforcement powers.

The country's highest court agreed on Monday to decide whether federal immigration laws take precedence and so pre-empt Arizona's law boosting the power of local police to crack down on immigrants.

The Arizona law, passed in 2010, requires police to check the immigration status of anyone they detain and suspect of being in the country illegally. Other parts require immigrants to carry their papers at all times and ban people without proper documents from soliciting for work in public places.

A key issue is the legal doctrine of pre-emption, interpreted to mean that federal laws trump conflicting state laws. REUTERS

**States right?**

**Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer argues the state law authorizes cooperation with the U.S. government and that its sanctions consciously parallel federal law.**

The U.S. government's top Supreme Court lawyer, Donald Verrilli, disagrees.

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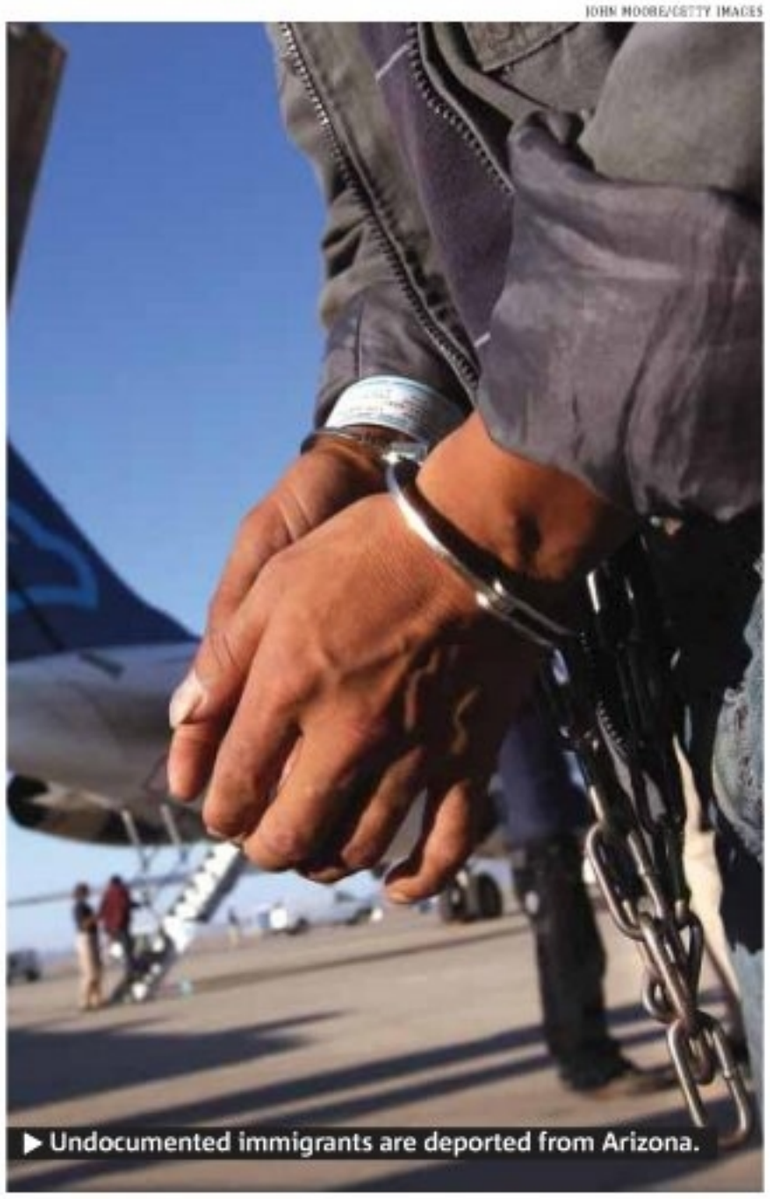

▶ Undocumented immigrants are deported from Arizona.

# Ron Paul campaign is gaining steam

▶ Paul

**AMHERST, N.H.** Republican presidential hopeful Ron Paul declared yesterday his campaign was "peaking at the right time" as polls show him closing in on the two perceived front-runners.

The libertarian congressman from Texas complained that pundits were dismissing his longshot campaign prematurely and sounded optimistic about catching former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich. REUTERS

# Tax tussle gets nastier

**WASHINGTON.** The United States yesterday faced the prospect of an imminent government shutdown for the third time this year as a year-end fight between Republican and Democratic lawmakers in Congress over taxes and spending turned nastier.

Democrats, led by President Barack Obama, are refusing to sign off on a bipartisan $1 trillion government funding bill that would keep federal agencies operating beyond Friday. They first want Republicans to agree to a compromise deal to extend a payroll tax cut for 160 million Americans. REUTERS

# Signs of the Time: Protesters honored

**In a busy year marked by popular revolt on all of Earth's habitable continents, Time magazine cover recognizes the people putting boots on the ground**

From the Arab Spring to the Occupy Wall Street movement, "The Protester" was named Time magazine's 2011 Person of the Year yesterday.

Time defines the Person of the Year as someone who, for better or for worse, influences the events of the year.

"Is there a global tipping point for frustration? Everywhere, it seems, people said they'd had enough," Time Editor Rick Stengel said in a statement.

"They dissented; they demanded; they did not despair, even when the answers came back in a cloud of tear gas or a hail of bullets. They literally embodied the idea that individual action can bring collective, colossal change," he said.

On almost every continent, 2011 has seen an almost unprecedented rise in both peaceful and sometimes violent unrest.

Protesters in a lengthening list of countries including Israel, India, Chile, China, Britain, Spain and now the United States all increasingly link their actions explicitly to the popular revolutions that have shaken up the Middle East. REUTERS

**Runner-up**

**Admiral William McRaven, head of U.S. Special Operations Command and overall commander of the secret U.S. mission into Pakistan in May that killed al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, came in at second place on the Time list.**

**metro MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2011**

Dozens of Metro readers voted for the Occupy protestors to be named Metro's Person of the Year. The Occupy movement has now opened a distinct gap over Apple co-founder Steve Jobs, with Congresswoman Gabby Giffords in third place. Vote from a shortlist of Jobs, Occupy or Giffords by sending an e-mail to mwoty@metro.us.

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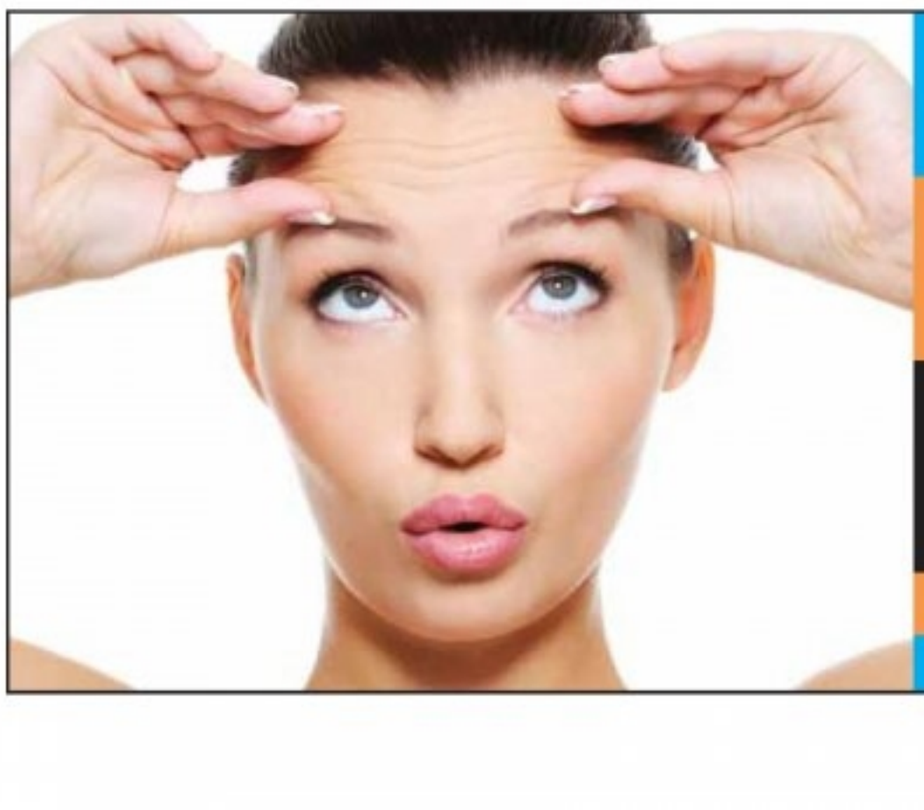

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Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

## The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Melanie Brown is modernizing her seasonal greeting, Lindsay Lohan leads a very interesting life and Demi Moore is keeping her Twitter handle.

▶ **@OfficialMelB:** ok so i think i'm defoo going with the video xmas card,ok family lets get this done in the next week or so,will keep you guys posted!

▶ **@lindsaylohan:** Is this for real??? My friend has a trained cheetah in his car ... That's nuts!!!!!!!!

▶ **@mrskutcher:** changing my twitter name isn't a top priority right now. sorry it bothers so many of u. should I not tweet until I do?does it really matter?

# Lindsay bails, but Paris Jackson fills in

Remember that "exclusive" interview **Lindsay Lohan** was going to do on "Ellen" — the only media appearance she agreed to do to promote her new Playboy magazine spread? Well, she missed it. Of course she did! Why am I wasting your time with this news? (Honestly, because nothing else is really happening. Sorry.)

Anyway, her rep says the reason she didn't make the show was because she "was delayed in Hawaii due to a travel-related issue. Lindsay offered to tape 'Ellen' tomorrow, but the show was unable to shift things around and tomorrow is their last day of taping for the season." The show's producers are less than pleased, according to Gossip Cop. "Not a call or an apology from Lindsay," a source close to the show says.

PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

▶ Sure, she didn't make "Ellen," but Lindsay Lohan did remember to make her probation hearing yesterday. Baby steps!

However, the producers scored a coup de grace and got **Paris Jackson** (**Michael Jackson**'s oldest child) to fill in for Lohan. It's Jackson's first solo television appearance, and it will air today. The 13-year-old talked about her role in the fantasy film "Lundon's Bridge and the Three Keys." She says her decision to act was due to her father. "My dad was in the movie 'Moonwalker' and I knew he could sing really well, but I didn't know he could act. I saw that and I said, 'Wow, I want to be just like him,'" she revealed.

She did admit that she was less than thrilled with his choice to put them in masks as kids. "I'm like, 'This is stupid. Why am I wearing a mask?'" Paris said. "But I kind of realized the older I got, like, he only tried to protect us."

## Kutcher's fling admits she was wrong

Well, this is a first: A fame tart is actually admitting to doing (gasp!) the wrong thing. Despite the $200,000 she reportedly earned for dishing on her affair with **Ashton Kutcher**, **Sarah Leal** is regretting the decision to go public. "I got fired from my job. I am no longer friends with my best friend, who was my roommate, because it caused so many problems and I had to move out," Leal tells Fox411. "I had no idea what I was getting myself into." But she advises observers to think twice before rushing to judgment on her actions. "I wasn't thinking clearly. He was a good-looking guy and it was stupid," she says of the fling. "Most 22-year-old girls in my position would have done the same thing."

## Talking points

### Jolie to get pregnant again?

While six kids may seem like plenty, **Angelina Jolie** and **Brad Pitt** aren't necessarily done building their family. "Nothing planned at the moment, but we just don't know," Jolie tells Marie Clare magazine. "I could end up pregnant." In the meantime, she's got plenty of nice things to say about the man in her life. "[Brad] has expanded my life in ways I never imagined. We built a family. He is not just the love my life, he is my family. I hold that very dear," Jolie says.

▶ Anthony

### Marc Anthony is stressed

**Jennifer Lopez** has moved on from ex-husband **Marc Anthony** with the help of a younger man, backup dancer **Casper Smart**. And Anthony is reportedly "going nuts" about it, according to Us Weekly. "He has fits and tantrums and is very stressed," a source says. "[He's] lost a lot of weight." For the record, a source for Anthony insists he has "been the same weight most of his life."

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### Lorre looks deep into himself

Looking back on the blowup between **Charlie Sheen** and "Two and a Half Men," the show's creator, **Chuck Lorre**, has changed his views on his former colleague and friend. "Every time he got himself into trouble, we believed that there was healing that was going to come. I certainly believed that sobriety is something that he wants in his life, and I was wrong," Lorre tells TV Guide magazine. "You couldn't do that much cocaine and work. It was heartbreaking to be around here then. I didn't want to be writing a sitcom while my friend died. Or worse, hurt someone else. We couldn't be complacent. There was a tragedy unfolding right in front of us. ... If you're looking the other way, you're responsible."

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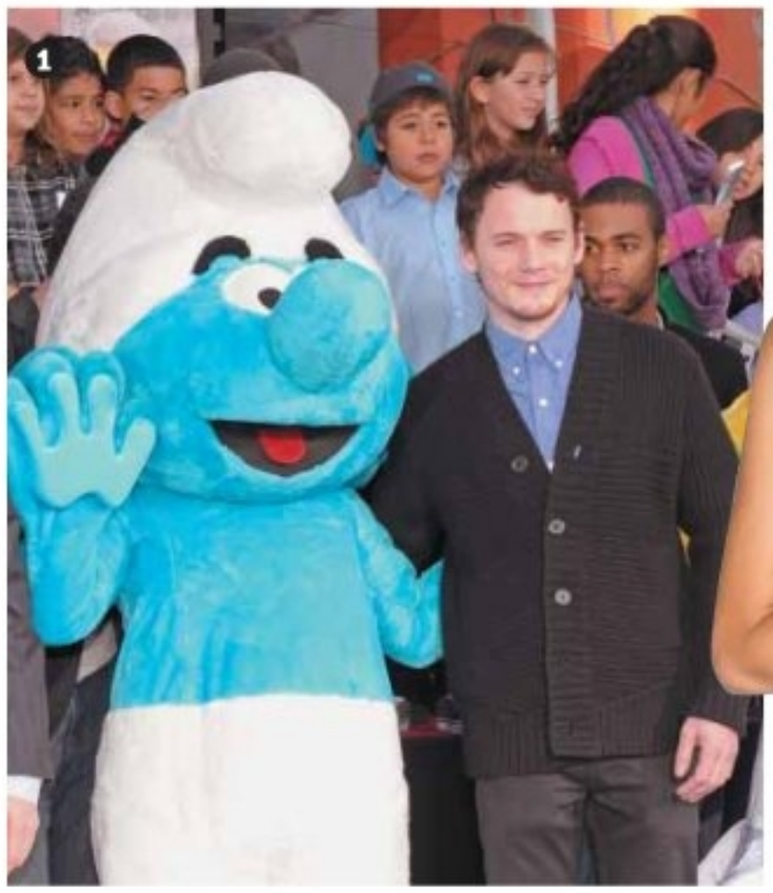

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# A handprint ceremony featuring four fingers

**1.** Anton Yelchin attended the "Hand and Footprint Ceremony" of the Smurfs at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood, Calif., on Tuesday.

**2.** Melania Trump attended the Philadelphia Style Magazine holiday issue release party at The Ritz-Carlton in Philadelphia, on Tuesday.

**3.** LeAnn Rimes arrived at The House Of Blues where the city of West Hollywood proclaimed Dec. 13 as "NOH8 Day" on Tuesday.

**4.** Glenn Close attended the Giorgio Armani & Cinema Society screening of "Albert Nobbs" at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City on Tuesday.

**5.** Meryl Streep, who portrays former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in the upcoming biographical film "The Iron Lady," attended the film's New York premiere at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York City on Tuesday.

**6.** Audrey Tautou attended the premiere of "La Delicatesse" in Paris, France, on Tuesday.

**7.** Apl.de.ap of the Black Eyed Peas celebrated his birthday at The Conga Room at L.A. Live in Los Angeles, on Tuesday. The event also saw the official launch of his "We Can Be Anything" education advocacy campaign.

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## TV watch list

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▶ Katie Couric, right, revisits the headlines of 2011 with "Bridesmaids" star Kristin Wiig.

### 'The Year with Katie Couric'

**SPECIAL.** With Katie Couric and People magazine teaming up to present this year-in-review recap, expect such significant events as the death of Osama bin Laden to receive near-equal billing with the 2011 antics of the Kardashians. **9 p.m., ABC**

### 'Selling Spelling Manor'

**REALITY.** Vacating a one-bedroom apartment in 30 days is stressful enough. Luckily for fans of spectacle, cameras were rolling when Candy Spelling sold her iconic Los Angeles estate and had a mere month to clear out her seven bedrooms, five kitchens and 27 bathrooms. Oh, and the 15 specialty areas, including a bowling alley, arcade, projection room, collector's gallery filled with more than 700 dolls and gift-wrapping room. **9 p.m., HGTV**

### 'A Charlie Brown Christmas'

**SPECIAL.** It's just not Christmas without Charlie Brown's sad little tree and Linus' message of love. **8 p.m., ABC**

### 'It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia'

**COMEDY.** The Gang makes one last attempt to salvage their high-school reputations at their reunion in a manner that pretty much ensures their reputations as adults are permanently sullied.
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# 10 Reasons to hit the movies this weekend

**Must-see**

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**1 'Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows'**
Holmes (Robert Downey Jr.) and Watson (Jude Law) pick up where they left off, and this time they're after dastardly Professor Moriarty along with Rachel McAdams and Noomi Rapace.

**2 'Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol'**
Tom Cruise may be in his 40s, but that hasn't stopped the impeccably fit actor from performing most of his own stunts in the fourth installment of this series. With a bombing of the Kremlin incorrectly blamed on his team, Ethan Hunt (Cruise) goes underground.

**3 'Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked'**
The Chipmunks and the Chipettes go all "Cast Away" when marooned on an island after a cruise ship accident.

**4 'Arthur Christmas'**
Just how does Santa get all those presents delivered in one night? With a S.W.A.T. team of elves, of course!

**5 'New Year's Eve'**
The director that brought us "Valentine's Day" last year turns his eye toward the other night that everyone is inevitably disappointed by.

**6 'Shame'**
Michael Fassbender plays a sex addict who has no trouble seeking out ways to satisfy his lusts.

**7 'The Sitter'**
Jonah Hill stars as Noah, a college dropout who gets suckered into babysitting three unruly kids.

**8 'The Muppets'**
The Muppets reunite to save the old studio that was home to the show that brought them fame.

**9 'Hugo'**
Martin Scorsese's venture into family film makes sense when you realize it's primarily about real-life filmmaker Georges Melies.

**10 'The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1'**
Mortal Bella and vampire Edward tie the knot.

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# 'Once' you see it, you'll fall in love

## A boisterous onstage party turns into a love story told through song in this musical based on the film

Unlike many staged reincarnations of celluloid originals, "Once," at the New York Theatre Workshop, has the heart and soul of its namesake 2006 film, but takes on a glorious life of its own. With subtle theatricality, it makes the bittersweet tale of two would-be-but-not-quite lovers, married only by the magic of music, seem fresh and vibrantly alive.

As the audience is seated, the entire company is onstage with guitars, fiddles, a banjo and an accordion, playing and singing songs colored by Irish folk tradition but quite modern and new. Suddenly — but seamlessly — the show has begun as Guy (Steve Kazee), an Irish street guitarist, meets Girl (Cristin Milioti), a Czech immigrant, on a Dublin corner. The company settles into chairs on the sidelines, coming center as needed, and the emotional bond between Guy and Girl deepens but is fully expressed only in song. She's got a 5-year-old in Dublin and a husband in the Czech Republic, and he's — arguably — still carrying a torch for a girlfriend who dumped him and fled to New York.

Nimbly directed by John Tiffany with a book by Enda Walsh, "Once" has music and lyrics by Glen Hansard and Marketa Irglova, who played Guy and Girl in the film. It's deceptively simple, with a largely bare set, straightforward songs and understated performances by the principals. But the decency of the characters and their complexity beneath the surface give the piece unexpected emotional power.

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▶ "Another Happy Day" and "We Need to Talk About Kevin," both starring Ezra Miller, are in theaters now.

# Ezra Miller makes a good bad egg

**The 18-year-old hits theaters with two films about deeply disturbed young men How he got into character with a pair of formidable moms**

There must be something about Ezra Miller that makes him perfect to play mentally disturbed teens. This winter he appears as a suicidal Fentanyl addict in "Another Happy Day" and high school terrorist in "We Need To Talk About Kevin." If he's created a unique bit of a pigeonhole for himself, he doesn't mind that. "If you're going to be put into a niche as broad as deviant children, that will definitely suffice," he says. "I can do anything under that guise. There are so many deviant children out there."

The 18-year-old Hoboken native is certainly thoughtful, as is exemplified when he describes what it has been like working with his two onscreen moms: Ellen Barkin in "Another Happy Day" and Tilda Swinton in "We Need to Talk About Kevin."

**Quoted**

**"When it comes to playing family, there's an inherent bond that is an emotional reality between a mother and a son."**

EZRA MILLER, ON PREPARING TO WORK WITH HIS ONSCREEN MOMS ELLEN BARKIN AND TILDA SWINTON

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"When it comes to playing family, there's an inherent bond that is an emotional reality between a mother and a son," he says. "If you can just find that bond as two people, as Ezra and Ellen, then it's almost like you create a canvas for the relationship of the characters in the text."

To that point, in preparation for their contentious onscreen relationship in "Another Happy Day," Barkin actually had Miller stay with her.

"Some little half-method things would happen," Miller explains. "She'd tell me that I could crash at her house but then tell me I had to be home by 1. But then to defy her, with a little bit of character-thought, I'd come home at 3 and she'd have waited up for me and she'd be angry at me. I think we were both playing all sorts of fun tricks on each other."

Getting prepared for "Kevin," however, was a very different experience.

"That was some crazy other s—," says Miller. "Tilda's almost not even really an actor. She's something new. It's this seamless relationship between the way her natural being consumes fact and fiction. Her keen interest as a person in life and the nature of life itself lends itself to this brilliant submission to fantasy. You just see a character take over her body. It's very otherworldly to work with Ms. Swinton."

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If winter's short, dark days aren't depressing enough, we choose to dress ourselves in outerwear that wouldn't look out of a place on a Victorian funeral march. Why don't we stop mourning for summer and sling on something bold and bright all year long? After all, it's not that risque, seeing as most men, come June, wouldn't hesitate to put on some outlandish Hawaiian-print shirt.

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**3. Uniqlo premium down ultra light jacket**
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# Is it OK to call him before the first date?

**You casually met a guy and you'd like to get together ◗ If you're interested in getting to know him better, make the first move ◗ Dr. Greer's tips when making the call to make a call**

Jennifer Lopez has a new beau. She was spotted recently with backup dancer Casper Smart in Hawaii after a few weeks of dating. It's hard not to wonder, with every new couple, how they got there. Did he make it easy and call her? Did she have to consider that age-old question: Is it OK to call him? Even when you're rich and famous, you still have to make the call on whether or not you make the call.

Recently, I've been asked this question repeatedly. My answer: If you want the opportunity to get to know him — definitely. If you've just met someone but haven't yet had an official date, then I say sure, go ahead and call. He might want to be in touch with you, but his work could be bogging him down, as could other commitments. He might have walked away from you with every intention to call, but then, for reasons that had nothing to do with you, days went by. In that time he might decide the opportunity is gone and it's too late to call, or he may have forgotten the impact you initially had on him and the interest he had in getting to know you might have disappeared. By reaching out to him, you can rekindle his curiosity and remind him why he wanted to call in the first place. At the same time, you are letting him know that you are still looking to connect. Finally, it lets him off the hook if he thinks he missed the timing. So if you call a week later to show you enjoyed meeting him, it might just be the jumpstart he needs to get things going.

If you decide to call, it moves you out of the worrying and waiting position, possibly feeling rejected. At the very least, you gave it a shot and took charge. At that point you will get your answer, because he will either respond to your gesture with a plan to get together or he won't.

*— Relationship expert **Dr. Jane Greer** is creator of **"Shrink Wrap"** — national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships — and host of **"Let's Talk Sex"** at **Healthylife.net.** Her book, **"What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship,"** is available nationwide.*

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Jennifer Lopez? We bet she made the first move.

**Reader love notes**

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- ***Morgan, you are a picture perfect dream come true! Love, Marquise***
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- ***Valentina N, without you i can't breath, live or smile. 32611- No end. Love you lot - Manny Nestor.***
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# The Christmas war continues

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**ADAM WHELCHEL, VIA E-MAIL**

If you're going to be up in arms about something being sacrilegious, maybe you should confirm first that it isn't, in fact, the opposite. Jesus is OK with Metro. **SARA PAIGE, VIA E-MAIL**

I am so frustrated with people condemning the use of "X" as in Xmas! "X" meant Christ to the early Christians — they would write it in the sand to identify themselves.
**PETER LEE, VIA E-MAIL**

Instead of complaining about this war on Christmas that doesn't exist, could folks concentrate on putting Christ back in Christianity? I suggest making sandwiches and soup for homeless people.
**SHONDOLYN GIBSON, VIA E-MAIL**

I love Christmas but enough is enough! The commercialism of this Holy Day is appalling. The late Charles Shultz illustrated the greedy nature of retailers 37 years ago in "It's the Easter Beagle Charlie Brown." Look at the banners in the stores when Marcie and Peppermint Patty are buying eggs to color for Easter. They say "Only 246 days until Xmas."
**MALCOLM HANSON, VIA E-MAIL**

# Meanwhile, in other wars ...

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**JAN OUTCALT, VIA E-MAIL**

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## Horoscope

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♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Although something beneficial for you is stirring, it may momentarily be screened from your view. Even some associates might know before you.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** In the final analysis of things, our real wealth lies in our relationships with others. You're likely to be amply blessed with dear friends.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** It behooves you to do what you can to please others, even if it means going out of your way. It's one of those days when genuine kindness will be rewarded.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you keep your attitude positive and philosophical, you can guarantee yourself a good day. That old saying: "Smile and the world smiles with you," will be in fine working order.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** There are always financial opportunities surrounding you, albeit not necessarily from previous sources. Once you find a new stream, it can be nurtured to productivity with ease.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Because you're shrewd — yet fair — with your counterparts when cutting a new deal, even what needs to be negotiated on a one-on-one basis can work out quite well.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Something you have for sale that is very attractive to another might be more valuable than both you and your prospect know it to be. Before selling anything, get it appraised.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Your behavior is likely to enhance your popularity. When friends and associates see the real you, they can't help but be impressed by your warmth.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** If and when you choose to assert yourself, an unfinished endeavor can be concluded to your and everybody else's satisfaction. It behooves you to make that choice instead of lying idle.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** This can be an extremely productive day for you if you choose to assert yourself and work on a new project. Your enthusiasm and interests will be transmitted to the endeavor at hand.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** This could be a gangbusters day for amassing personal gain. You'll be adequately rewarded for anything you produce that appeals to the masses.
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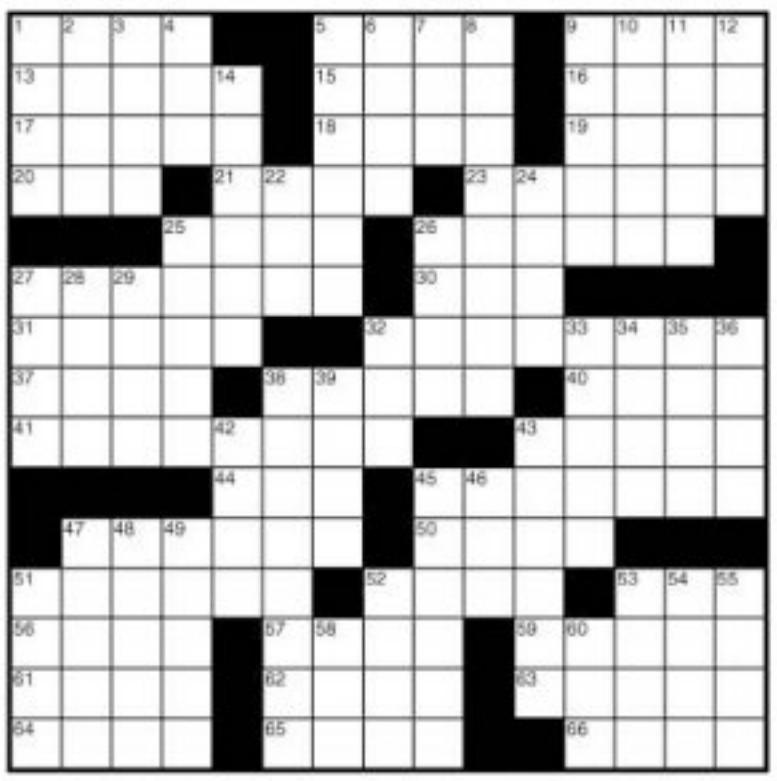

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## For the hostess with the mostess

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**4.** Chances are that if she's the kind to throw a fabulous party, she's going to want these underneath all of that pretty silverware. **Hammock & High Tea Drawer Liners, $25, www.hammocksandhightea.com**

**5.** Warm her home with the scents of the season, no baking required. **Slatkin & Co. Holiday Candle Collections, 4 oz.: $9.50, 14.5 oz.: $19.50, www.bathandbodyworks.com**

**6.** That pile of dishes won't seem so bad once they bust out their fancy new — and divine-smelling — dish soap. **Caldrea Balsam Fig Plum Dish soap, $9, www.caldrea.com**

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**Last-minute gifts**

# For kids on Santa's 'nice' list

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**3.** Your little snow bunny won't want to come inside. **L.L.Bean Pull Sled, $139,** www.llbean.com

**4.** Styling on the way to grandma's house. **Harajuku Mini for Target Tuxedo One-Piece, $20, Target stores nationwide**

**5.** Mom's little assistant can learn the art of flipping pancakes and frosting cupcakes. **"Sesame Street 'B' is for Baking," $12,** www.amazon.com

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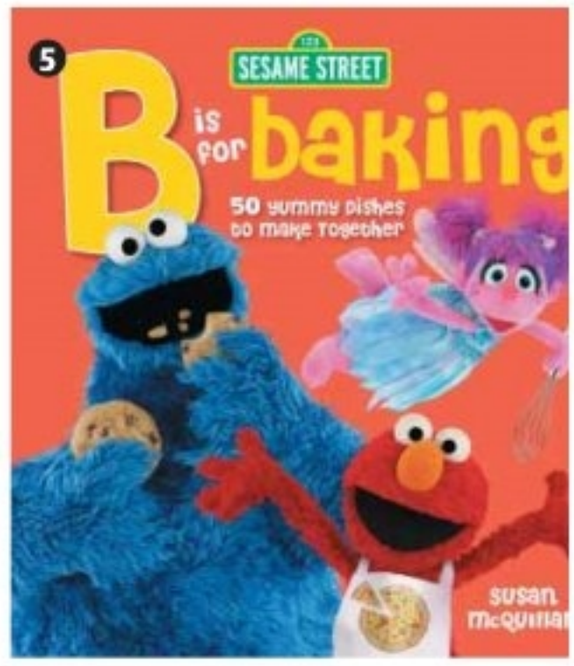

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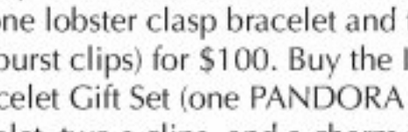

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gift guide

# A gift fit for McQueen

**Gift wrap pro Alton DuLaney gives us a primer on packaging presents perfectly ● Your family and friends will be just as impressed with the outside of the box as its contents**

When Alton DuLaney visited this year's Alexander McQueen exhibit at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, the gift wrapping expert was inspired — and he wasn't ready to leave that inspiration behind. Instead, he's working elements from the McQueen show into his gift wrapping this year, and he gave Metro step-by-step instructions on how you can turn your own presents into beautiful works of art.

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▶ For a video demonstration and more gift wrapping ideas from DuLaney, visit www.metro.us/gifts.

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▶ McQueen's butterflies

▶ Step 1

▶ Step 2

▶ Step 3

▶ DuLaney's butterflies

## All eyes on butterflies

▶ **STEP 1: Wrap it up.**
**"Give it a base wrap.** This is just your standard gift wrap: clean corners, crisp edges. Wrap your box in whatever paper that you choose."

▶ **STEP 2: Tape it down**
**"These butterflies all come on a wire.** I'm putting everything in the center, and I'm just using my Scotch Pop-Up Tape to tape down a few of these, and then I'm just bending them out of the way."

▶ **STEP 3: Finish the look**
**"I tape my ribbon underneath,** and then you just adjust because these are all wire. Adjust them up."

***Tip:** "It doesn't have to be such a dark wrap. ... You can do yellow butterflies and do a spring wrap."*

### Where DuLaney shops

- **Paper Source:** www.paper-source.com
- **The Feather Place:** www.featherplace.com

## For your other gifts: Do a half-bow

▶ **STEP 1: Prepare.**
"I like to leave about a 12-inch tail. That gives me enough room."

▶ **STEP 2: Make the first tie.**
"Do a half-knot" — the initial loop you make when tying a bow.

▶ **STEP 3: Make the second tie.**
Continue as if you're tying a regular bow. "[I] make my bunny ear, but instead of pulling my bunny ear through, I'm pulling the end through."

### DuLaney's tips

- Criss-cross your ribbon on top. "You always want your bottom to be flat," he says. "If you have that bump, your gift can rock."
- Use wire-ribbed ribbon. "[It's] a breeze to work with because you can shape it as you go."
- Don't cut your ribbon until the end. "You never cut until your bow's actually tied," he says. "That way, you see how much you need and you don't waste ribbon."
- Keep 'em separated. "I always have a separate pair of scissors for ribbon because paper can dull [them], especially if you're cutting through glitter."

He dialed our number and made a donation. Which paid for the forklift that moves the food that feeds hungry people all over New York City. It's easy to do what Marc did — just visit **cityharvest.org** or call 1-800 77 HARVEST.

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gift guide

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▶ You didn't pay for the gift — the least you could do is splurge on some nice fabric ribbon.

# 3 Times it's OK to regift

**Reduce, reuse, recycle, regift: If Santa cares about the environment, he'll approve of this savvy tactic**

## Gift cards

Not to burst your snow globe, but whoever gave you that gift card grabbed it on the way over. Amazon, iTunes, Barnes & Noble, Best Buy: Regift these with comfort and joy. Now, as for that gift certificate to your favorite little neighborhood coffee shop three train stops away from civilization? That's for keeps, you unfeeling grinch.

## Most hostess gifts

These are tokens of appreciation for getting everyone tipsy and having a guest room ready to go, not necessarily personalized gifts. Feel free to pass on candy dishes, napkin rings and other home trinkets. As for booze or edibles, be judicious: Most people have terrible taste in wine and chocolate, and you don't want to be one of those people.

▶ Regift that gift card.

## Something you'd like to keep ...

... if you only had the counter space. Or didn't have one already. Or had pierced ears. If you genuinely like and want it but won't realistically use it. Then it's OK to pass on to someone who will. That said, err on the side of gift-giving caution: It should be wrapped like you mean it and accompanied by an overpriced Etsy card that will feed an artist for a week.

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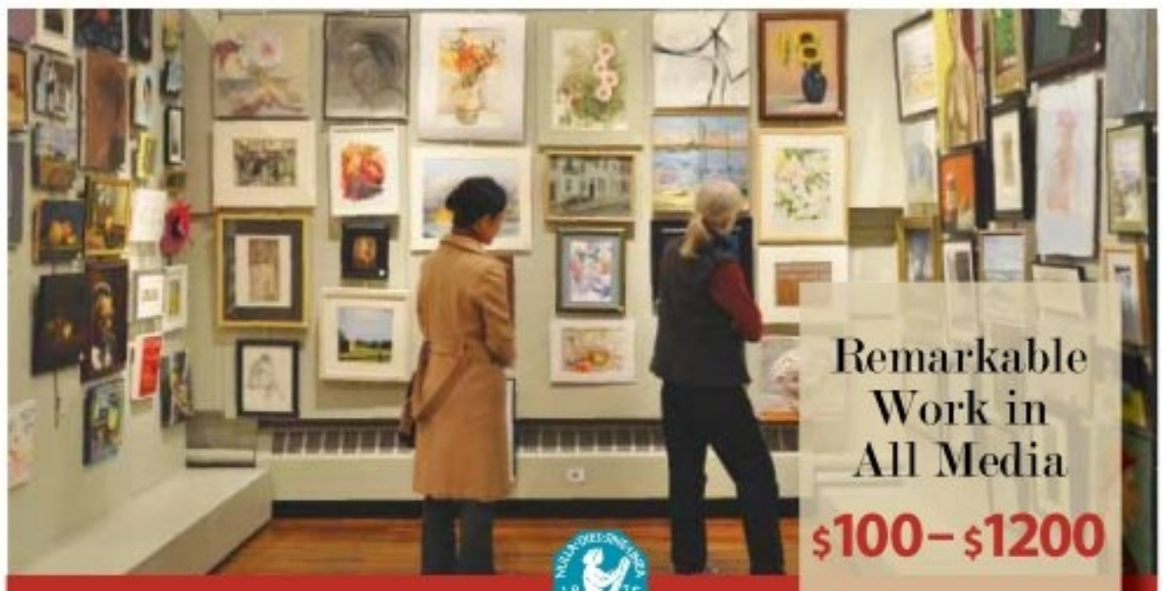


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# Sample a perfect potato pancake at this year's Latke Festival

**New York chefs (and one amateur) share their renditions of this timeless Hanukkah favorite**

A traditional Jewish family staple and delicious holiday snack, latkes are perfect, people-pleasing comfort food. Celebrating the beloved dish is the Third Annual Latke Festival, which features 15 top New York chefs competing for the title of potato pancake king or queen.

Amateur chef Dori Fern, a culinary writer and blogger, will also be competing after winning a latke recipe contest held by Edible Brooklyn. The Brooklyn resident will be cooking up her Double-Happiness Potato Latkes topped with Five-Spice Duck Confit in front of a panel of judges that includes the James Beard Foundation's Mitchell Davis, Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, the New York Times' Melissa Clark and Edible's Rachel Wharton.

Fern is confident in her experience eating, making and perfecting the latke (she's even written about her quest to find the quintessential latke in the city for Time Out New York). "I've spent the past 13 years frying up an awful lot of them," she says. Her secret weapon? Her kids. "[They] are my toughest critics and biggest fans," she says.

Maybe that's why Fern admits she's not too nervous to face off against professional chefs such as Julian Medina from Toloache and Michael Sullivan of Veselka Bowery at the competition. "I'm more excited for the opportunity to be cooking among so many excellent chefs and for some formidable judges," she says diplomatically.

Or maybe there simply won't be time for nerves — the night before the competition, Fern plans to host her own Hanukkah-latke party for 60 guests.

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**If you go**

**Third Annual Latke Festival**
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GREAT PERFORMANCES

The best part of the Latke Festival? Ticket-holders can sample the delicacies.

DORI FERN

Fern will put her winning latke recipe — the Double-Happiness Potato Latkes topped with Five-Spice Duck Confit — to the test this Monday.

## Dori Fern's tips for the perfect latke

1. Use russet potatoes.
2. Grate the potatoes by hand with a box grater.

Fern

3. Grate the potato into the onion. This helps prevent the potato from turning brown.
4. Use only the starch from the potatoes you've grated, not additional flour or matzoh meal.

**Time-saving tip:**
Use a food processor with a large-hole grating blade to chop up the onions.

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## Lots o' latke

"A traditional latke typically has potatoes and onion and little else," explains Fern. "Most people use egg and flour or matzoh meal as well. I include the egg, but leave out the additional starch."

drink

# 4 Facts you didn't know about Crus

- A Cru is a vineyard or growth of distinction
- Here are four reasons why this is one class to seek out next time you're shopping for a nice bottle of wine

CHRISTOPHE CHILHÉ

▶ Looking over the vineyards in Vacqueyras, Rhone Valley, France.

Not everyone is a wine snob. That's why we decided to talk to the purveyors of Rhone Valley wines about what it means when a bottle of Rhone Valley bears the Crus name.

## The Cru designation

The Cru name is earned once a wine region within the Rhone Valley moves up the hierarchy and continues to improve the quality and distinctiveness of that specific region. Each Cru follows a set of regulations, such as the precise producing area, the kind of grapes that can be used, the alcohol content and more.

## That's a lot of grapes

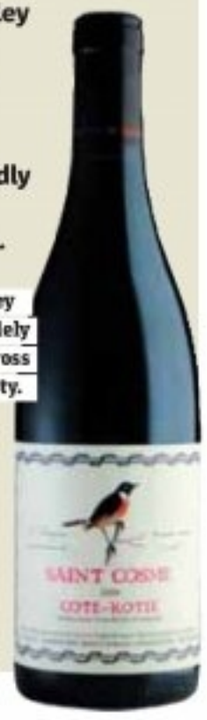
With vines dating back more than 2,000 years, the Rhone Valley boasts more than 6,000 grape growers, covering 188,700 acres and delivering more than 400 million bottles of wine per year.

**20%**

**Roughly 20 percent of all wines produced in the Rhone Valley fall into a Cru region.**

**Drinkability**

**Rhone Valley wines are known as aromatic, versatile, food-friendly and affordable.**



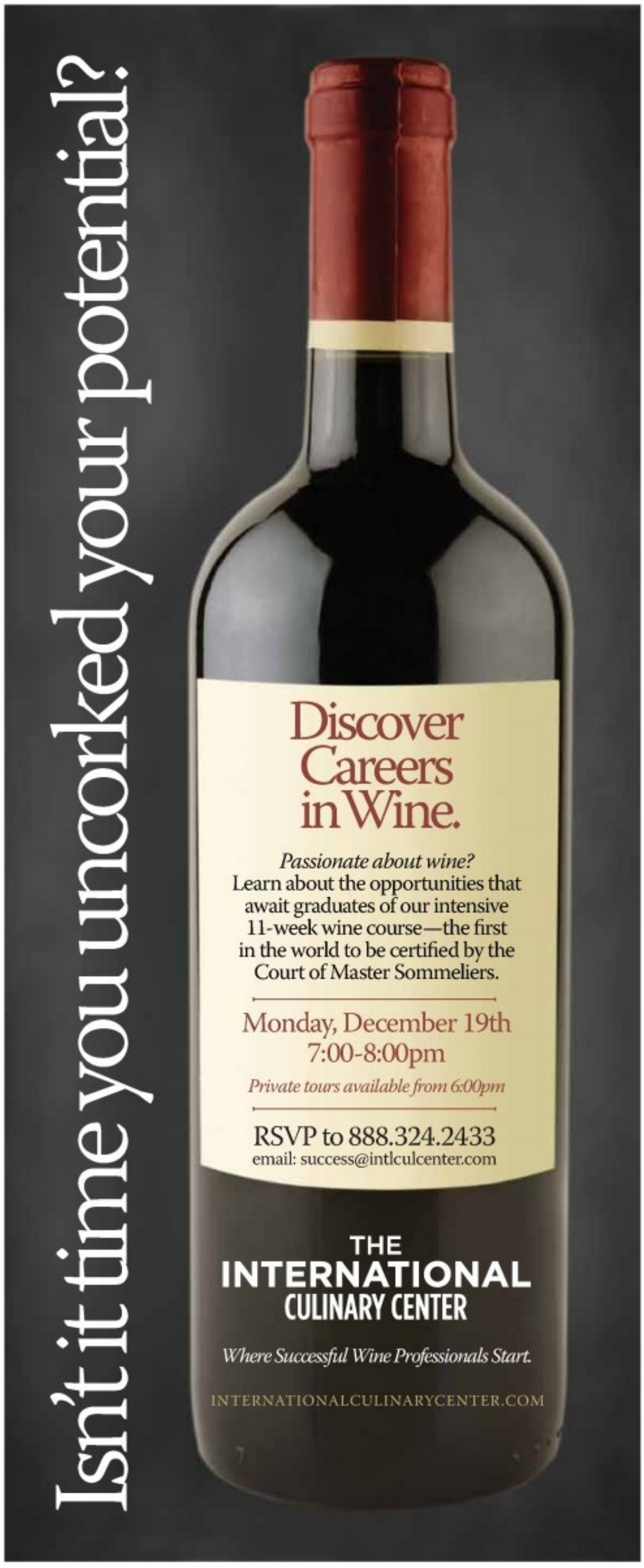
Rhone Valley wines are widely available across New York City.

## Location, location

Located in southeastern France along the Rhone River between Lyon and Avignon, the Rhone Valley wine region has an exceptional climate, featuring large amounts of sunshine and the mistral wind that blows through the valley. This wind prevents the vines from diseases and enables the wineries to practice sustainable viticulture by cleansing the air, and it's beneficial for the ripening of the grapes during harvest.

## Blended vs. single

The Southern Rhone Crus focus on crafting blended wines usually made from Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre, while the Northern wineries primarily produce single grape varietal wines such as Syrah or Viognier. METRO



# dining&nightlife

Shelf life

## Re Midas Corvina

**What we're drinking this week:** Cantina di Soave's Re Midas Corvina, a red wine made in the village of Soave in Northeast Italy, home to fertile volcanic soil and annoyingly beautiful rolling hills and castles.

**It tastes like:** A satisfying, no-frills holiday party red you'll be glad you invited: a little floral, a little sugar and spice — nothing to prove here. However, its sibling, Re Midas Soave, is a bit too sweet and easy-drinking — skip this one unless you have a pack of aunts who like ice in their pinot grigio.

**It goes with:** Go ahead and pair it with sugar cookies and limited edition Hershey Kisses or that fancy cheese plate — 'tis the season to let loose and drink for fun.

**Not to mention:** At $10 a bottle, you can play party Santa and make sure the bar is fully stocked. MONICA WEYMOUTH

## Editor's picks

### THEATER

**House of Yes Xmas Spectacular**
**Through Sunday, 8 p.m., House of Yes, 342 Maujer St., Brooklyn, $20-$30**
**www.houseofyes.org**
This holiday season, the House of Yes puts on an entertaining and nostalgic extravaganza that brings audiences back to everyone's favorite era: The '90s! Be prepared for a night of dazzling numbers and aerial acrobatics that strive to be the most ambitious, absurd and beautiful spectacular the company has ever created.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

**Benefit Event for Jonathan Toubin / Glasslands and Manhattan Inn Christmas Party**
**Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., Glasslands Gallery, 289 Kent Ave., Brooklyn, free with donations, www.glasslands.blogspot.com**
DJ Jonathan Toubin, the man behind the popular New York Night Train parties, was involved in a freak car accident last week after a taxi crashed into his Portland hotel room and landed on top of him while he was sleeping. Donations at the door will go to Jonathan and his family. The event, hosted by comic duo "Hi Christina!" will also feature numerous bands, including Hopewell, Stabbing Eastward (TV on the Radio's Tunde Adebimpe and Tall Firs' Ryan Sawyer) and The Can't Tells.

**Lighting of the World's Largest Hanukkah Menorah**
**Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Grand Army Plaza in Manhattan, Fifth Avenue and 59th Street., Manhattan, free**
**www.manhattan.about.com**
During this ceremony, the 32-foot-tall, two-ton candelabra will be lit by a cherry picker, accompanied by folk dancing and holiday jelly doughnuts. The night will also include live music, singing and dancing, with Chanukah gelt given to the children and hot potato pancakes for everyone else.

### BOOKS

**Launch Party for "Occupy! Scenes from Occupied America"**
**Friday, 8 p.m., Verso Brooklyn Loft, 20 Jay St., Brooklyn, free**
**www.versobooks.com**
Verso Books, known for their radical publications, will host a launch party to celebrate "Occupy!" the first book to explore the issues surrounding the entire movement. As an unofficial record of the movement since its inception in September, the pages are filled with first-hand accounts and insightful reflections by a wide range of people. An RSVP is required for this event.

### SHOPPING

**Brooklyn Night Bazaar**
**Thursday to Saturday, 5 p.m. to midnight, 149 Kent Ave., free, www.bkbazaar.com**
Following its success when it first launched in October, the nighttime spectacle is back in Brooklyn for the holiday shopping season. This time, the bazaar will be held in a 40,000-square-foot warehouse on the Williamsburg waterfront, featuring a wide array of vendors, including a beer and wine garden. Bands and DJs will also be on hand. NICHOLAS LIM

RICHARD TERMINE

▶ John Hurt portrays a 69-year-old man who revisits his past in "Krapp's Last Tape."

### Theater

**Krapp's Last Tape**
**Through Sunday, Brooklyn Music Academy, Peter Jay Sharp Building, 30 Lafayette Ave., from $25**
**www.bam.org**
As part of BAM's 150th anniversary comes the New York City debut of the most personal play from Samuel Beckett, who dramatized snippets of his own life and experiences into this one-act tragedy. Oscar-nominee John Hurt plays the titular character who revisits his 39-year-old self on his 69th birthday. Throughout the work, Beckett explores the themes of mortality, creativity and memory.

Restaurant news

## Pre-Christmas smorgasbord at Aquavit

For the next few Saturdays (including Christmas Eve) Aquavit is offering a Christmas spread featuring everything from Christmas ham to lussekatt (buns with saffron and raisins) for $65 per person. The eatery also offers a Christmas prix fixe lunch throughout the month of December for $32. **(65 E. 55th St., 212-307-7311)**

## Pig out on Mondays at Betel Bar and Kitchen

Fill up on Betel's pig-out Monday specials, like $2.50 vinegar-and-sesame-seed ribs and $4 Porkslap brew. **(51 Grove St., 212-352-0460)**

## Casa Nonna's pretheater prix fixe

The rustic Italian restaurant is offering a $35 prix fixe menu with items like spiced pumpkin gnocchi and filet mignon. It's available weekdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and weekends from 5 to 7 p.m. **(310 W. 38th St., 212-736-3000)**

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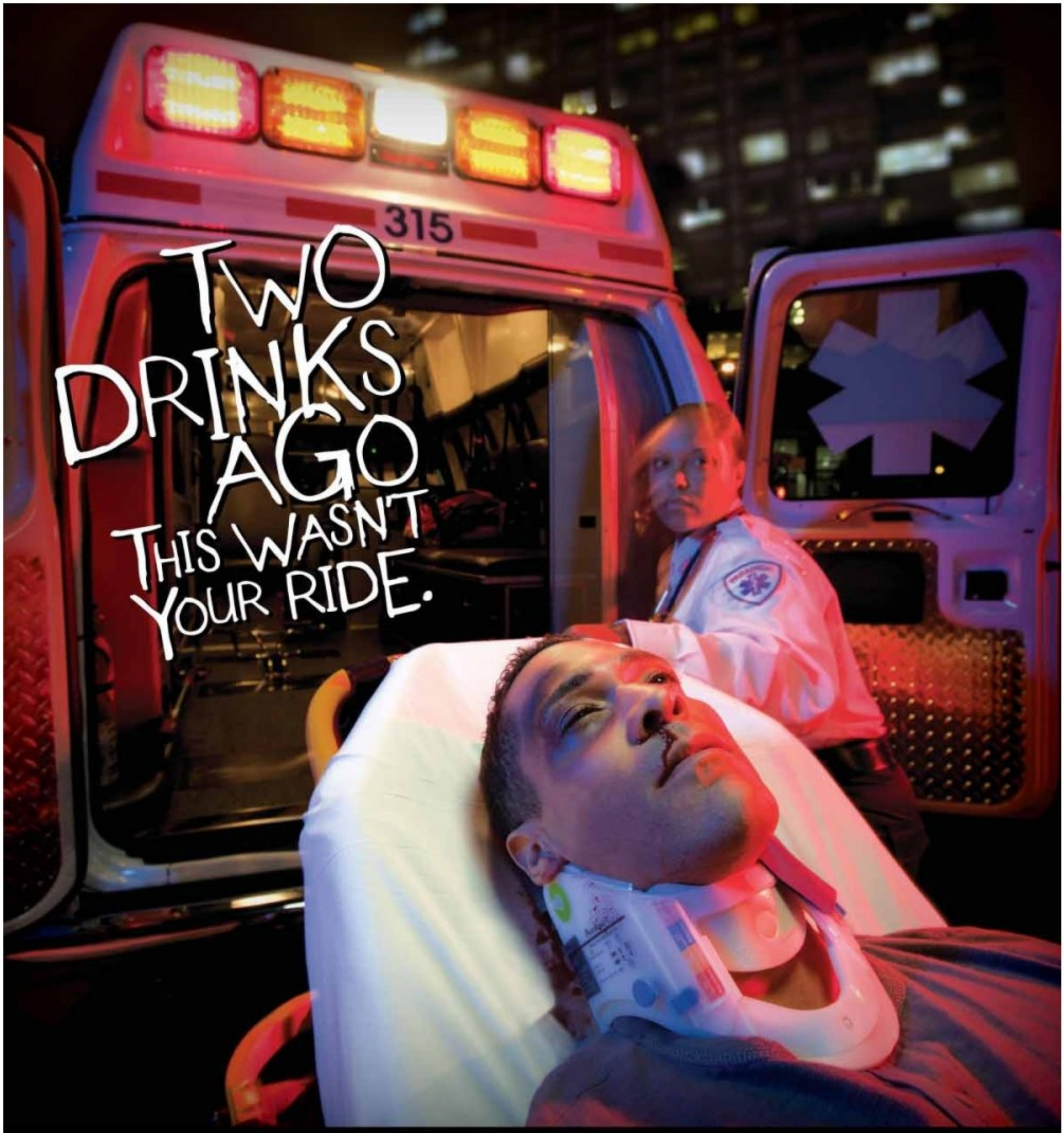
A gal walks into a bar

## Mindy Kaling

If a performer who sings, dances and acts is a triple threat, then Mindy Kaling is a quadruple threat. She writes, produces, directs and acts as outlandish Kelly Kapoor in "The Office" — which is why she needs some time to unwind. Here's her plan for a night out. SAMANTHA SWEENEY

Do you like to go out a lot?
"I like going out, but I'm one of those princessy people who want other people to make the plans and go on Yelp for me. I like the friends who do the party planning."

What's your drink of choice?
"They don't have it at all those places, which is annoying when I ask for it, but I like the Moscow Mule. It's like ginger beer and raw ginger; it is one of those fruity sweet drinks that has alcohol in it. I like most of my drinks to be very sweet and taste like soda with a kick."




EXCESSIVE DRINKING IS DANGEROUS.

**Stop drinking while you're still thinking.**

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**In the news**

**Howard pulled off trade block**

The Dwight Howard soap opera just got a renewal.

One day after Howard said he would only sign an extension with the Lakers, Nets, Magic or Mavericks, Orlando has reportedly decided not to trade the superstar center after all. At least not right now.

The Magic were reportedly unhappy with the offers they had received.

TOM PENNINGTON/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Eli Manning walked off the field at Cowboys Stadium a hero last Sunday. Now he has to keep it up for three more games.

# Finishing strong

**Giants adopt a new motto, focus on making final three contests count**
**Not resting on laurels after Cowboys stunner Playoffs have now begun**

The Giants finally righted their ship, but there's no time to pat themselves on the back and rest on the laurels of Sunday's pivotal win in Dallas.

Following their last-second win, the Giants (7-6) own a tiebreaker lead in the NFC East and now only have to worry about what they can control instead of relying on outside help. The slim margin of error, however, is what still fuels them to finish strong.

*On TV Sunday*
**Giants vs. Redskins**
**1 p.m., FOX**

"Hopefully this will again continue to motivate and excite us about the very difficult remainder of our schedule," head coach Tom Coughlin said. "I've always been a huge believer in you have to take care of your own business. Whenever you start to drift and think perhaps other people are going to help you out, I think you get in trouble. You have to take care of your own business."

**"Basically, we are in the playoffs now. We are in a playoff-type atmosphere from here on out."**
KEVIN BOOTHE, GIANTS CENTER

As the Giants prepare for their next test, Sunday's home game against the Redskins, quarterback Eli Manning said he's also been warning his team to not get too ahead of themselves.

"[Ending the losing streak] won't mean anything if we don't finish the season strong and win these next games," Manning said. "That's the mindset. We can't relax now. We can't start feeling great about ourselves. We have three big games. Washington is coming to New York and we have to win that game and go from there."

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## Rolle still talking the talk

Ever-talkative safety Antrel Rolle didn't back down from his "1 out of 100" comment earlier this season when asked about the Redskins' chances of beating the Giants.

Head coach Tom Coughlin, who is as conservative a coach as there is in the league, said he thinks Rolle's comments are usually taken out of context and only come from a "confident" place.

Coughlin added he would not curtail Rolle's ways because he knows what kind of man he really is.

"He's a very easy guy to talk to," Coughlin said. "He wants to do it the right way. It's very important to him. He's a very fiery want-to-do-well player." METRO/TW

# Ready for Birds' shot

This Sunday's Jets-Eagles game was supposed to be a preview of the Super Bowl in January, two presumed powerhouses who had a busy offseason of big name signings.

Both the Eagles and the Jets were supposed to take big steps this season, building on impressive regular seasons last year. Instead, both teams have endured their struggles. The Eagles, at 5-8, look all but out of the postseason while the Jets fight for one of two Wild Card spots.

The luster of the matchup has worn off over the past three months, but the Eagles say it isn't a concern for their preparation.

"We don't worry about all that stuff. We worry about preparing ourselves for a good football team and coming out and playing the best we possibly can play," Eagles head coach Andy Reid said. "I'm not into any of that other stuff."

"They've been up and down this year but we know we're going to get their best shot," Jets linebacker David Harris said. "We have to approach it that way." KRISTIAN DYER

**15 Jason Babin is tied for second in the NFL in sacks this season with 15. Only Jared Allen has more with 18.**

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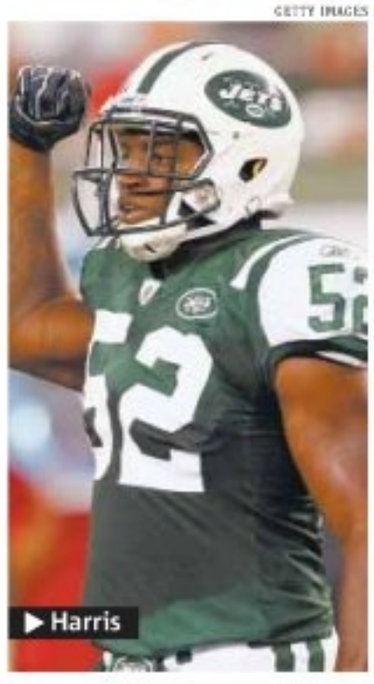

▶ Harris

**No surprises at the top as the Packers dominate the rankings ◗ But will they finish the season undefeated? ◗ AFC North holds down the Nos. 2 and 3 spots this week ◗ The Fightin' Tebows continue to rise in the rankings, coming in this week at No. 9**

## Metro's NFL Power Rankings | by Mike Greger

**2 RAVENS (10-3)**
You have to lose to drop in the poll and the Ravens keep winning. Terrell Suggs, with a career-high 13 sacks, is our pick for Defensive Player of the Year as he's carried a Ray Lewis-deprived defense on his back.

**3 STEELERS(10-3)**
Big Ben Roethlisberger is day-to-day with a sprained left ankle, but do you honestly believe he'll miss these last three games? Especially Monday's showdown — or lockdown — against San Francisco.

**4 SAINTS (10-3)**
Jimmy Graham is the best tight end in football not named Rob Gronkowski. Drew Brees is pretty good, too. The only question for the Saints: Will they invite Whistle Monster to the postseason party?

**5 PATRIOTS (10-3)**
This is how well things are going for the Patriots. Your star quarterback yells at your anonymous offensive coordinator, you still win the game — and duck scrutiny. Defense? Who needs it. We got Brady.

**6 49ERS (10-3)**
Tough loss to a mediocre Arizona team drops them three spots. But former owner Eddie DeBartolo Jr. thinks these Niners are better than the 1981 Super Bowl team. We'll see about that.

**7 TEXANS (10-3)**
That's seven straight wins, with an AFC South title locked up amid a myriad of key injuries — and they're still alive for the conference's No. 1 seed. Something tells us Gary Kubiak's job is safe.

**8 JETS (8-5)**
Rex Ryan is laying off the guarantees and simply feeding Shonn Greene. The Jets' stud back, a frustration to fantasy owners, is rewarding Ryan's trust, averaging 98 yards per game over the past three.

**9 BRONCOS (8-5)**
If the Fightin' Tim Tebows beat the Patriots this week, we are calling the Vatican and launching a full investigation. Or maybe we'll just drunk text Lindsey Vonn. The power comes from somewhere.

**10 FALCONS (8-5)**
Matty Ice raised these Birds from the dead, guiding his team back from a 16-point halftime deficit. Now, they can rally around Mike Smith, who was rushed to the hospital Sunday.

**11 LIONS (8-5)**
If the season ended today, the Lions would punch their first playoff ticket since 1999. Of course, they don't and Detroit has a long road to tow, with games in Oakland and Green Bay.

**12 GIANTS (7-6)**
Just call Eli Manning "Captain Comeback." Big Blue's signal-caller has led an NFL-best six fourth-quarter comebacks this season and cemented the Giants as the team to beat in the NFC East.

**13 BENGALS (7-6)**
Here's a question: If the Bengals make the playoffs and no one is there to see it, did the Bengals really make the playoffs? It's been a pretty successful season for Cincy, yet fans still don't show.

**14 COWBOYS (7-6)**
Tony Romo is the exact opposite of Tebow. Gaudy numbers in December (five TDs, no interceptions, 116.2 QB rating) but a horrible record (0-2). Romo is 7-12 for his career in Santa's month.

**15 TITANS (7-6)**
If the Saints don't stop Jake Locker on that third-and-goal, there's a good chance the Titans crack the Top 10. They can't win their division, but remain a serious threat to crash the postseason party.

**1 PACKERS (13-0)**
**The Lions are the only team left with any chance of wrecking their perfect record — and that game is at Lambeau Field. They've been the top team basically all season, so you can probably skip this spot for awhile. Unless the Lions (or the Chiefs or Bears) clone Aaron Rodgers, then the Packers will enter the postseason at 16-0.**

**32 COLTS (0-13)**
**Peyton Manning is throwing the ball in an amped-up recovery program. Why? Why? Why? Oh, that's right, Andrew Luck is already coming up behind him. Sure, owner Bill Polian says Manning is done for the year, but would you blame him for trying to stake his claim?**

**16 RAIDERS (7-6)**
Good news: Darren McFadden might not need season-ending surgery. Better news: Raiders play in very winnable (read: really bad) AFC West. They just need Tebow to become human.

**17 SEAHAWKS (6-7)**
Don't look now but the 'Hawks are playoff-eligible after two straight wins and three very winnable games left (at Chicago, vs. San Francisco, at Arizona). Don't underestimate the Sixth Man.

**18 CHARGERS (6-7)**
The fans might want Norv Turner gone, but his players are fighting for him tooth and nail. The ringleader ... who else? Philip Rivers has chucked seven straight TDs without a pick.

**19 CARDINALS (6-7)**
We know the Cards invested a lot of money in Eagles retread Kevin Kolb. And we truly feel bad for the kid. However, if Arizona wants to hold onto their thin playoff hopes, just start John Skelton.

**20 BEARS (7-6)**
Ahh, the latest victims of Tebow Mania. We don't want to say the Bears should have signed Donovan McNabb ... but they should have signed Donovan McNabb. Or, at the very least, Jeff Garcia.

**21 PANTHERS (4-9)**
This whole season has been a learning experience for Team Cam. They'll learn to protect 16-point leads. They'll learn to cap game-winning drives. They'll learn to play meaningful football.

**22 BILLS (5-8)**
Six straight losses has coach Chan Gailey saying that his Bills "showed a glimpse of what we might be." But how patient will Bills fans be after missing the playoffs for the 12th straight season?

**23 EAGLES (5-8)**
'Twas the night before Week 15 and Andy Reid was nestled snug in his bed, while visions of another NFC East crown danced in his head. At least it's mathematically possible anyway.

**24 DOLPHINS (4-9)**
Last week, the Fish were the hardest-working bunch of losers in pro football. This week, they have a new coach, a concussed QB and nothing to play for (except for maybe a Kardashian).

**25 REDSKINS (4-9)**
The Skins get brownie points for pushing the Pats to the brink — and for not blaming a bad roughing-the-passer call for the loss. And they'll have something to say about who wins the NFC East.

**26 BROWNS (4-9)**
Credit the Brownies for enduring a 12-round battle royale with the Steelers, a team they have only beaten once in their last 15 meetings. Then again, no one was expecting a win.

**27 JAGUARS (4-9)**
Maurice Jones-Drew has quietly put together an epic season — he's got 1,570 total yards — and is reportedly sleeping in a hyperbaric chamber, even though his team is out of it.

**28 BUCCANEERS (4-9)**
It's pretty obvious the team has given up on the season. The question is: Has the team given up on coach Raheem Morris? Kellen Winslow says they haven't, but what about the front office?

**29 CHIEFS (5-8)**
The Chiefs may be correcting one mistake, by firing coach Todd Haley, with another one, if they do indeed lure Josh McDaniels away from that St. Louis juggernaut. Least they didn't hire Charlie Weis.

**30 VIKINGS (2-11)**
As bad as their record is, they really haven't been out of that many games, with an average margin of defeat of 6.25 points over the past four weeks. That should change this week.

**31 RAMS (2-11)**
If Sam Bradford suits up this week, then it's a clear indication that Steve Spagnuolo is hoping a few meaningless wins down the stretch may get him another year. Otherwise, back to defensive coordinator.

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# LESSONS FROM LOSING

**If you blame injuries, bad luck or an unfair schedule for your team's demise, you're likely to lose again.**

We need to start pointing the finger at ourselves for unsuccessful seasons. Just like a real NFL team, we have to learn from our mistakes before we can move forward.

When next season comes around, remember the pain of these failures:

## Handcuffing 101

**Darren McFadden**'s Lisfranc injury is nothing to complain about — as long as you drafted **Michael Bush** as well. The same can be said for **Fred Jackson**/**C.J. Spiller**, **Adrian Peterson**/**Toby Gerhart** and **Arian Foster**/**Ben Tate**. If your starting running back has a talented backup, you must reach to handcuff them.

## Backs with no hands

These days, one-dimensional running backs are not worth the risk. Players like **Michael Turner**, **Shonn Greene** and **LeGarrette Blount** are wildly inconsistent because they can't function when their team trails. Their big plays are also limited.

## Stash wideout fliers

Here are some top-25 players at the receiver position: **Jordy Nelson**, **Victor Cruz**, **Laurent Robinson** and **Antonio Brown**. All could have been had off the wire or late in drafts.

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▶ Michael Bush saved the season for Darren McFadden owners.

**NFL news**

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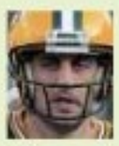

▶ **Aaron Rodgers** and the Packers play an aggressive brand of football. And they are going to attack a perfect record aggressively. Owners can safely expect the starters to play all out through Week 17. They won't pull a Colts on us.

**Top NFL pickups**

### Felix Jones

▶ **RB, Cowboys**
With DeMarco Murray out for the year, Jones is fresh and the every-down back in Dallas once again.

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We always knew Jones had explosive talent. Now he gets a full-time role thanks to Greg Jennings' injury.

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▶ **QB, Titans**
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**Hoops is back**

Here are three big names to avoid in fantasy basketball drafts:

**1 Kobe Bryant, SG, LAL —** Kobe's minutes sunk all the way to 33.9 last season. Thanks to the compact schedule, he'll dip to 31 or so.

**2 Carlos Boozer, PF, CHI —** Boozer doesn't block or steal and shoots free throws poorly. His offensive role is also declining thanks to Derrick Rose.

**3 Tim Duncan, PF, SAS —** Duncan is at the end of the line. He'll miss at least 15 games and be a shell of himself in others.

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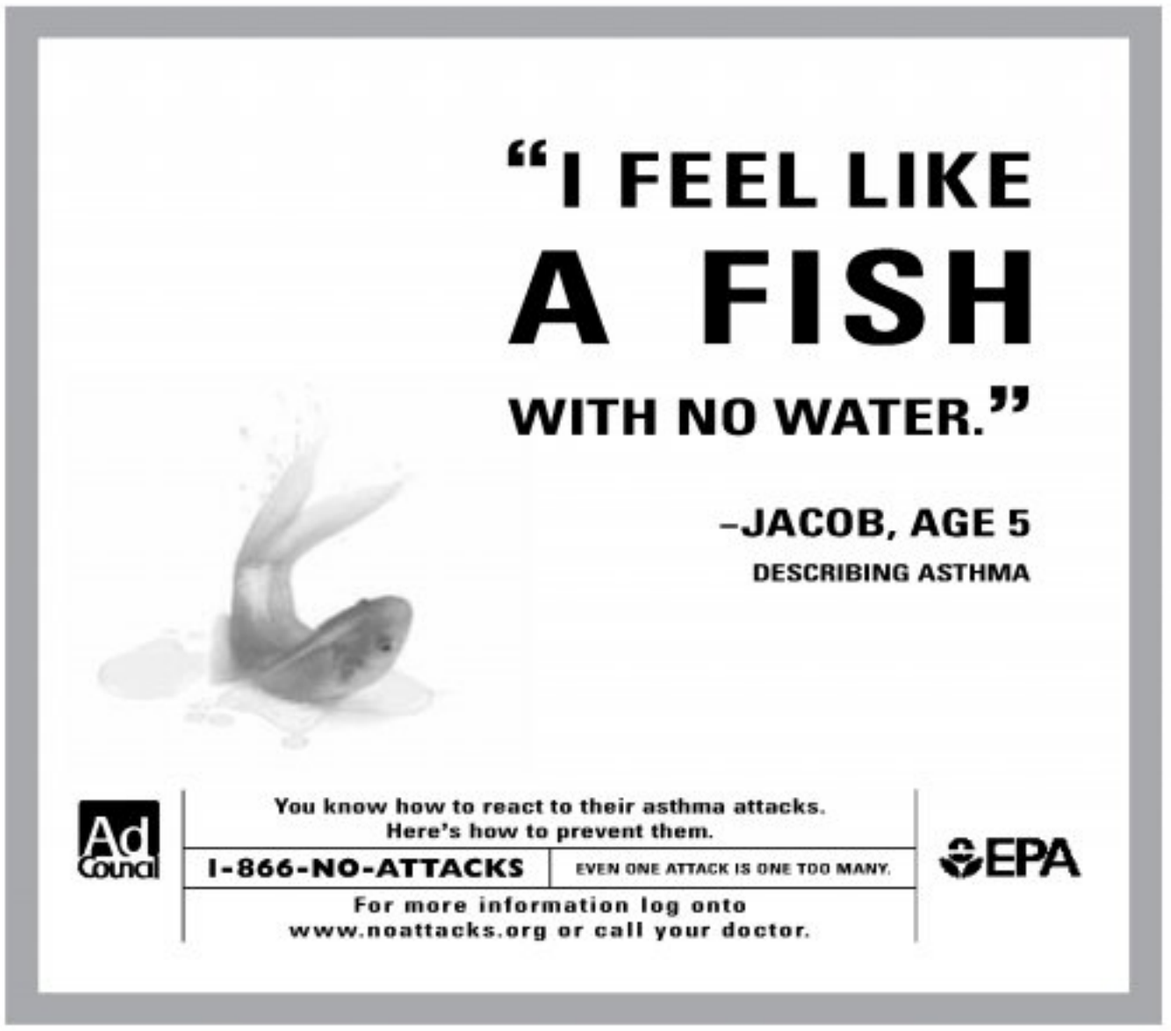


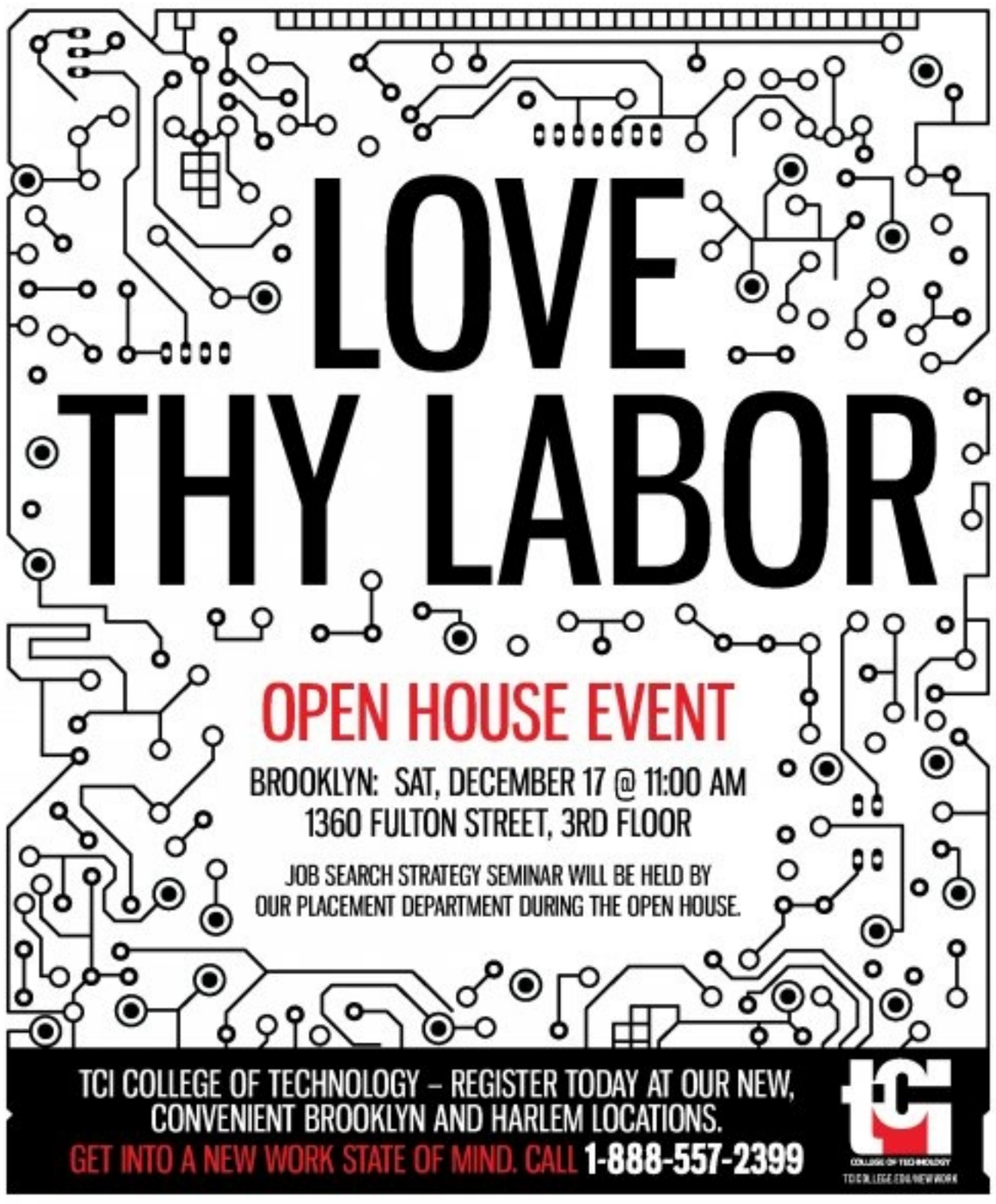

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